c.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A piperidine derivative represented by formula (I):

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wherein

m represents an integer of 0 to 5;

R¹ and R² independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

R³ represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and

X represents a bond or CO;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein the heterocyclic groups in R¹, R² and R³ independently represent (i) a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic <u>heterocyclic</u> group containing at least one nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom, (ii) an aromatic <u>heterocyclic</u> group containing at least one nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom having two or three fused 3- to 8-membered rings, (iii) a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic or alicyclic heterocyclic group containing at

least one nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom, or (iv) an alicyclic heterocyclic group containing at least nitrogen, oxygen or a sulfur atom having two or three fused 3- to 8-membered rings-,

wherein at least one of R¹, R², and R³ is 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic group or a 6-membered monocyclic alicyclic heterocyclic group.

2. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, and R² is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group.

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- 3. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 1 and X is a bond.
- 4. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 2, wherein m is 1 and X is a bond.
- 5. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as an active ingredient the piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 4, and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient with tumor cancer, which comprises administrating to said patient a pharmacologically effective amount of the piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 4.

- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of treating a patient according to claim 6 9, wherein the tumor is pancreatic cancer.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of treating a patient according to claim 69, wherein the tumor is colon cancer.
- 9. (New) The method of treating a patient according to claim 6, wherein the cancer is a tumor.
- 10. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 0.
- 11. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 1.
- 12. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 2.
- 13. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 3.
- 14. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 4.
 - 15. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable

salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 5.

16. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10, wherein X is a bond.

- 17. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X is a bond.
- 18. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 13, wherein X is a bond.
- 19. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 14, wherein X is a bond.
- 20. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 15, wherein X is a bond.
- 21. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10, wherein X is CO.
- 22. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 11, wherein X is CO.
- 23. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X is CO.

24. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 13, wherein X is CO.

25. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 14, wherein X is CO.

26. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 15 wherein X is CO.